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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERESTS SECTION

REF: USUN NEW YORK'S 788

1. SEPTTEL WILL AUTHORIZE USUN TO EXTEND THROUGH JOUEJATI OFFER OF TUITION AND MAINTENANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TWO SYRIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. MISSION OFFICER SHOULD TELL JOUEJATI THAT WE ARE DOING THIS SPECIFICALLY IN REPLY TO HIS SUGGESTION DURING LAST FALL'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO HIS RENEWED MENTION OF IDEA IN FRAMEWORK OF DISCUSSION HE INITIATED FEBRUARY 15 RE ASSIGNMENT OF US AND SYRIAN DIPLOMATS TO INTEREST SECTIONS IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. OUR STEP IN OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF USG'S GOOD WILL. WE BELIEVE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO SARG.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM ITALIANS SOMETIME SOON OF JOUEJATI- NAAS CONTACTS. UNDERSTAND FROM PARA 3 USUN 788 THAT JOUEJATI IS STILL OPERATING ON HIS OWN. WE DO NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT UNDERCUT JOUEJATI, BUT
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WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON POSSIBILITY OF OUR FILLING
ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ON FYI ONLY BASIS. ROGERS

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